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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Kusman, Travis – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Committee
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Pao, M.D., Bing – Palomar/Pomerado
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Servs. Enterprise
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD/Palomar
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Miranda, Aaron – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Scott, Chris – North County Fire
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Smith, Mitch – San Marcos Fire
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Villani, Heather – UCSD
Zimmer, Greg – Naval Medical Center San Diego

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Lisa Morikado, M.D., Seconded by Steve Zahller, M.D., to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2007. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

New County Public Health Director: Babatunde Jinadu, M.D., has been appointed as the new County Public Health Director, succeeding Nancy Bowen, M.D. Dr. Jinadu will begin his employment with San Diego County on June 8, 2007. He comes from Kern County where he is the Public Health Officer there and has also served on the State EMS Commission.

L.A. Times Article: The Los Angeles Times is working on an article regarding discipline for paramedics and EMT's.

Hemophilia Booklets: At the last Medical Audit Committee (MAC) meeting, Children's Hospital staff distributed two booklets on the evaluation and treatment of hemophilia. The information is available on the web site hemophiliaemergencycare.com.

Paradise Valley Hospital: EMS staff met with Paradise Valley staff several weeks ago and it appears that some of their back-up issues are improving.

STEMI Update: Door-to-balloon times are good in terms of below 90 minutes and the system is functioning well so far.

Law Enforcement Clearances: The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) and the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties sent out a letter regarding rapid evaluations of custody patients so officers do not have to wait for long periods. In addition, San Diego City Police Department will begin to take detainees needing clearance to the closest emergency department, rather than concentrating on a small number of facilities.

Diversion Study: The Abaris group is overseeing an emergency department diversion study for the California Healthcare Foundation and will be discussing overcrowding with several hospitals. San Diego County has been identified as one of the counties needing assistance in this area.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

Radio rooms are switching over from tapes to digital recorders. There could be a two-hour downtime on the radio for upgrading.

V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The Hypertonic Saline Study is well underway and results are better than anticipated. Currently there are 22 patients in a month and-one-half. The MICN's are responsible for enrollment as they screen patients and make suggestions. The first inspection will occur in a couple of weeks.

IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval was received for the Cardiac Arrest Study. The training is close to 80-90% completed. Hope to go operational by June, 2007. Agencies should consider whether they would like to receive feedback on CPR performance by individual or group data. The group is working on the process for collecting the data at this time.

Many data points are required for the Epistery Study. The data is not in the MICN data

base that the County maintains or in the patient care records. Sometimes backtracking to the dispatch centers for CAD data is required.

VI. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)

Some subcommittees have been meeting occasionally. The larger umbrella group will more than likely begin to meet again once Dr. Jinadu begins employment.

VII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

The contracts have all gone out to the hospitals for HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) Year Five along with a tool kit that will assist in meeting the requirements for contact personnel.

The next NDMS (National Disaster Medical Services) drill is scheduled for May 14-15, 2007 and will consist of patients being evacuated from a military hospital to civilian hospitals. A separate admission process would need to be established for these patients who would be coming in to each hospital. There may be a conflict for many staff who attend the BSPC and PAC meetings on May 15. It was suggested that the May BSPC/PAC meetings could be canceled and meet in August instead which is usually a dark month. **ACTION: Consensus was reached that BSPC and PAC will not meet in May, 2007 as attendees will be participating in the NDMS drill and that will count as the meeting date.**

The State Department of Health contracted with Price/Waterhouse/Cooper to develop some State standards, guidelines, operational tools and training materials for health care surge during emergencies. With the input from many stakeholders, 2,500 issues and recommendations were identified with forty-seven workgroups, then broken down into eight groups. San Diego County will be represented with at least one or two staff in each of the eight groups. **ACTION: Ms. Metz suggested that if anyone on BSPC was interested in participating in any of these work groups to contact her. The meetings will be held in Los Angeles on May 1-2, 2007.**

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

At the March 20, 2007 BSPC meeting, there was discussion about a nurse from Orange County coming to speak regarding hallway bed issues in emergency rooms. **ACTION: Dr. Glasser and Dr. Haynes will follow-up.**

Bill Linnik, M.D., Sharp Grossmont, stated that he was approached by the Vascular Surgery group at Sharp Grossmont which has expanded and added new members. Some members feel they're capable of conducting vascular surgery for patients who are taken to trauma centers. Discussion continued that an issue may be that these surgeons have to be available every day of the year.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Due to the May 14-15, 2007 NDMS drill, the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at American Medical Response, 8808 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS